

U.S. Embassy Bahrain
Demonstration Notice 54 – April 21, 2012

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

- On Saturday, 21 April at 1900 hours, a demonstration is planned near Bab Al Bahrain (Manama Souq).

- On Saturday, 21 April at 2000 hours, demonstrations are planned in Tubli and Al Qadham (near Burgerland).

- On Sunday, 22 April, a demonstration is planned in the vicinity of the University of Bahrain/Bahrain International Circuit.

****** Demonstrations, coupled with instances of possible sectarian clashes, are possible throughout the week, with particular emphasis on 20 - 22 April. ******

Some demonstrators have engaged in clashes with the police and continue to employ tactics such as placing debris and oil on roadways, throwing steel spikes and Molotov cocktails. These actions often result in adverse driving conditions, an increased police presence, official checkpoints and significant traffic delays. The Embassy expects these tactics to continue. Please use caution as you drive and plan additional time to arrive at your destination.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The [Embassy's web site](http://bahrain.usembassy.gov), <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>, includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.